

REMARKS

Claims 1-26 are pending in the present patent application. Claims 1-26 stand rejected. By this Amendment, claims 1 and 20 are amended. This application continues to include claims 1-26. This Amendment is being filed concurrently with a Notice of Appeal to reduce the number of issues on Appeal.

In the Advisory Action, the Examiner asserts that Applicants fail to show certain features of the invention, namely a “separation distance which is relative to the printhead scanning direction.” Applicants respectfully submit that such is implicit in independent claims 1 and 20.

Notwithstanding, Applicants have amended independent claims 1 and 20 to recite explicitly that which is implicit in these claims, namely, that “a physical separation between said first printhead and said second printhead relative to a scanning direction of said first printhead and said second printhead builds in a drying time between a time that a chromatic dye-based ink drop expelled by said first printhead contacts a chromatic pigment-based ink drop expelled from said second printhead at a particular pixel location on a print media sheet or at an adjacent location on said print media sheet where said chromatic dye-based ink drop and said chromatic pigment-based ink drop may overlap.” Support for the amendment of claims 1 and 20 may be found, for example, in Applicants’ specification at pages 7, lines 18-25, and this passage from the Specification was brought to the Examiner’s attention in the Response to the Final Office Action of February 15, 2006, at page 7, second full paragraph.

Applicants respectfully request entry of this Amendment to reduce the number of issues on Appeal.

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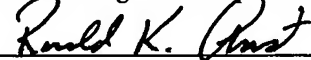
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